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October 8, 2008

MCA-MDT Technical Committee Meeting Minutes

David Blair opened the meeting with introductions. MCA pointed out the anti-trust policy included with the attendance sheet, and reminded members to read and abide by the policy.

MDT NEW BUSINESS

1. Summary of Proposed Specification Revisions. MDT briefly discussed this month's specification changes for October. MCA will submit any written comments by the due date of October 31, 2008. The proposed spec changes are available on the MDT website and internally on MDT's share drive.

Current Specifications out for Comment

102.17	Public Works Contracts (New)
103.09.1	Submission of Bid Documentation
409.03.3	Seal Coat Limitations
409.03.6	Application of Fog Seal
620.03.3	Temporary and Interim Pavement Markings
620.03.6	Epoxy Pavement Markings
703.02.1	Plastic Conduit
714.04	Temporary and Interim Pavement Markings
714.05	Reflective Glass Beads

Agenda Items

1. Fuel Price/Asphalt Adjustment. MDT stated that given the inconsistencies in the three major asphalt suppliers (MRC, Exxon and Cenex) contracts, that the asphalt price adjustment process will be eliminated. Additionally, MDT is considering revising the limit of 10 items for the fuel price adjustment and allowing Contractor notification of participation in the fuel price adjustment by the Notice to Proceed date or Pre-construction conference, with submission of the items at the pre-construction conference. This Item is still under review but will be removed from next month's agenda.

2. Specification for Bid Documentation Requirements. MDT has modified / reformatted the specification for submission of bid documentation. It is currently out for review for the month of October. This Item will be removed from next month's agenda.

3. Civil Rights / EEO. The disparity study has not been completed. There will be a 30 day comment period when it is released. MDT discussed a variety of results from surrounding state's disparity studies. There is a possibility that MDT will have project specific DBE goals.

4. Future Technical Committee Meetings. The next Technical Committee meeting is scheduled at the Commission Room at MDT Headquarters. MDT will make available the statewide Polycom sites for Contractors to attend the meetings in the district/area offices.

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5. Suppliers and Subs. MCA commented that it would be beneficial to contractors if MDT would allow subcontractors to perform minor subcontract work without being an approved subcontractor, typically on small work items. MDT is currently reviewing the legal issues and FHWA requirements involved.

6. Water cure and finish on bridge decks. A bridge special provision requires the water cure be started as soon as possible without damaging the concrete finish but no later than 15 minutes after striking off and finishing the surface. MCA requested that the 15 minute time period be increased in situations where concrete admixtures are used. Upon further review, MDT determined that the 15 minute time is crucial and will not be changed. This Item will be removed from next month's agenda.

7. Pile Driving. MDT stated that they intend to have numerous updates to Section 559, Pile Driving. MDT is planning to have this draft out for review with November's specifications. This Item will be removed from next month's agenda.

8. Epoxy Striping. MCA will submit additional comments regarding the time between seal and cover and application of epoxy markings.

MCA NEW BUSINESS

1. Pile Driving. MCA presented a draft to MDT regarding a change in Standard Spec 559.05 Basis of Payment (Pile Driving) which includes payment for pile in addition to plan quantity to be paid at the unit bid price with an invoice adjustment. The proposed change will be included with the proposed pile revisions out for review for the month of November.

MDT NEW BUSINESS

1. Bid Lettings. MDT asked MCA's opinion regarding the possibility of holding weekly or bi-monthly bid lettings. MCA was in favor of the proposal. MCA commented that it would give them more time to bid multi projects if they were spread out in the month and could possibly save time resources

2. Table of Liquidated Damages. MDT announced that Table 108-1 Schedule of Liquidated Damages has been updated per CFR regulations and is currently in effect. MDT encouraged MCA to be aware of the new dollar values.

The next meeting is scheduled for November 12, 2008, at 10:00 AM at the Commission Room at MDT in Helena.